



BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Dear member

Welcome to 2021 and our January newsletter. Obviously, we are all disappointed that the lockdown continues, and we still can't return to our club or tennis. However, the priority must be that we all stay safe and follow government guidelines and rules. Coming up in the next couple of months we'll be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and as part of this we will be looking for anyone who might be interested in joining the Club Committee.

The Committee is formed by up to 12 members who all spare a wee bit of their time to help run the club. The Club relies completely on members who volunteer to carry out the various activities required to keep the courts and clubhouse safe and useable as a viable tennis venue. Things such as keeping the accounts, administration for memberships and bookings etc, marketing for new members, organising social events, tennis leagues, coordinating coaching activities, safeguarding, maintaining the clubhouse, fundraising and much more. Without volunteer members these things would grind to a halt and the club would ultimately cease to be.

There is lots to do but it can be fun and very rewarding to work together and achieve wins on behalf of the club. Also, it is not always all about the tennis either, so please don't feel like you have to be the best player, or have been a member of the club for years and years to contribute. A committee made up of people with varied backgrounds, skill sets, experience and viewpoints will result in better decisions and a well ran club that will benefit all it's members.

So please don't be shy and consider volunteering! An email will be sent in the next week with details on how to put your name forward.

Brain Clarence, Chairman

Angel Award

A special visitor attended the club in December. Liz Twist, MP for Blaydon gave Blaydon Tennis Club her community 'Angel' award for providing our members with Covid safe exercise whenever possible during 2020. This award was presented to four of our Committee members who have volunteered their time throughout the year (Sara Farrey, Jonathan Newton, Nadia Conway and Helen Clarence) on behalf of all those volunteers who have contributed towards the upkeep and running of the club through very trying times.



Durham and Cleveland LTA County Awards

Nominations from our club for 2020 include:

- Blaydon TC for club of the year
- Remi Carriott for performance coach of the year
- Ian Pearson-Brown for development coach of the year
- Helen Clarence for volunteer of the year
- Anthony Wilson and Joel Taylor for young volunteers of the year

Other News!

BTC member, Liz Sidney showed fantastic commitment to still do 'mince pies for MIND' at Christmas, making and donating mince pies to key workers in the blue light workers around the region as a way of saying 'thank you'. Arron Lowes has had to stop working as a coach in order to focus on his other work. Arron coached at the club for 2 years and we wish him well for the future.

QUIZ

All answers are people's names contained in the letters of the name JOHANNA KONTA
(answers can be found below)

1. The first name of the 'Strictly' dancer and 'This Morning' presenter who won 'Rear of the Year' in 2011?
2. The first name of the former Gateshead Harrier who went on to set a World record in his discipline 25 years ago?
3. The last name of the former international cricketer, who has been the Prime Minister of Pakistan since 2018?
4. The name of the twenty first book of the bible, containing a story that resulted in the name being associated with 'sailors who are believed to be cursed'?
5. Surname of the Chinese tennis star who won the women's singles at the French Open in 2011 and the Australian Open in 2014?

1. Anton (Du Bek) 2. Jonathan (Edwards) 3. Imran (Khan) 4. Jonah 5. (Li) Na